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A.—The hon. Member presumably refers to the order passed by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in 1917. A copy of it is placed on the table.[a]

Reservation of the Chittaruvi Waterfalls for Europeans and Officers exclusively.

* 119 *Q.*—Mr. A. Pl. N. V. Nadimuthu Pillai: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Chittaruvi Waterfalls in the Reserve Forest is reserved for Europeans and Officers only?

A.—No.

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know whether the hon. the Law Member is aware that the Forest officer in charge of this area has put up an enclosure round this falls and is restricting admission to this falls to a favoured few like Europeans and officers of Government?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"My Friend is partially right and partially wrong. He is right in saying that the Forest officers have put up an enclosure, but he is wrong in thinking that it is intended for the convenience of Europeans and officers. It is intended for respectable Indians and Gosha ladies. As a matter of fact, the Europeans now-a-days do not generally bathe in these falls."

Reservation of forests in South Kanara.

* 120 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the forests of Todar and Hosabettu in South Kanara district were declared to be reserved;

(*b*) to what class did the said forest belong and what the character and condition of the forest and the growth of trees on it were;

(*c*) if they were treated as fuel forests, whether they have served and do serve the purpose for which they were reserved without the expenditure thereof exceeding the profits;

(*d*) when the forest village system was introduced in the adjoining villages in respect to the said forests and under what concessions;

(*e*) whether the system has been withdrawn and for what reasons; and if so, whether notices of warning were given to the villagers and in what manner; and

(*f*) whether representations have been received from the villagers concerned and from others and what action has been taken concerning the said grievances?

A.—(*a*) They were declared reserved forests from 15th December 1890 and 1st September 1888 respectively.

(*b*) The forests were not classified at the time of reservation. They are at present in class I. At the time of reservation the forests had been greatly devastated by kumri cultivation. The subsequent growth consists mainly of fuel species.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 116–117 infra.

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(c) The forests have never been worked for fuel.

(d) The forest village system was introduced in the adjoining villages in respect of these forests in 1923. The concessions granted are contained in the agreements executed by the panchayats. A copy of the agreement [a] executed by the panchayat of Todar is appended. The concessions are the same for both the panchayats.

(e) The forest village system has not been withdrawn but certain concessions granted to the panchayats were withdrawn after adequate notice by publication in the District Gazette and by beat of tom-tom in the villages concerned. The Range Officer was also directed to inform all the villagers of the withdrawal of the concessions.

(f) No representation was received until 30th March 1933 although adequate steps had been taken to make sure that every village concerned was informed at least twice of the withdrawal of the concessions as long ago as last January.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"With reference to clause (f), may I know as to whether any representations have been made to the Forest Officer?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Representations have been made to the Government."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"Then why does the answer say that no representation has been received at all?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"No representation was received by anybody till that date; after that, representations were received by Government."

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know whether the resolution passed by the meeting called by the South Kanara District Landholders' Association was not communicated to Government before 30th March 1933?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Government received no communication or representation on that subject before that date."

Reservation of the Hosabettu and Todar reserve forests.

* 121 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. Sreshta: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many acres of lands have gone out of cultivation since Hosabettu and Todar reserve forests were formed;

(b) what income has been derived from those reserve forests every year since they were reserved and what has been the expenditure on them every year; and

(c) how many cattle of the adjoining villages were destroyed by wild animals since the reservation of these forests?

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 117–119 infra.